

Summer and Autumn 2010



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The company reserves the right to alter, amend, in whole or in-part any excursions in this Brochure. If the Company has a need to cancel (for what-ever reason) an Excursion, then a full refund will be made. Transfers or any other forms of refund will only be made in very extreme circumstances and at the discretion of the Company.

2. The Company will **NOT** be held Liable for injury or delay however caused, or from errors arising in this Brochure, or for **ALL** matters that are outside the control of the Company.

3. Fares: Child-aged 4 to 14 years. Adult-aged 15 years upwards. Senior Citizens the reductions are as shown in the Brochure.

4. Where more than one coach is being used, passengers wishing to travel together, but boarding at different points, **CANNOT be guaranteed** to travel on the same vehicle.

5. The company operates a **NO SMOKING** Policy on all Excursions.

6. At Fords Garage there is a limited amount of car parking available, at your **OWN** risk.

7. We will only **DROP OFF or PICK-UP** at the designated points as shown in the Timetable, unless arrangements have been with our Main Office in advance, and then only in exceptional circumstances.

8. Telephone bookings can be made at our Main Office, but must be followed by a cheque or postal order, or credit card payment, within 5 (five) working days otherwise it is deemed you no longer require the booking.

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PLEASE NOTE

RESERVATION OF SEATS. The Company will **ONLY** reserve a limited number of seats per Excursion, these are for the Disabled Badge Holders **ONLY** (on the production of valid cards at the time of booking). The seating allotted for this purpose will be chosen by the Company, as to the suitability, i.e., legroom and accessibility, on varying vehicles etc., these may **NOT** always necessarily be the front seats.

Bus Services

Burnham START **0920** - SOUTHEND [THURSDAYS] CHELMSFORD [FRIDAYS] FORTNIGHTLY
Tillingham START **0915** - SOUTHEND [THURSDAYS] CHELMSFORD [FRIDAYS] FORTNIGHTLY

Excursion Timetable

DEPARTURE POINT:

	A	B	C	D	E	F
Southminster/Queens Head	6.00am	6.30am	7.00am	7.30am	8.00am	9.00am
Southminster Old P.O., H/Str.	6.00am	6.30am	7.00am	7.30am	8.00am	9.00am
Eves Corner/Burnham	6.05am	6.35am	7.05am	7.35am	8.05am	9.05am
Church Road/Burnham	6.10am	6.40am	7.10am	7.40am	8.10am	9.10am
Railway Arms/Burnham	6.12am	6.42am	7.12am	7.42am	8.12am	9.12am
Clock Tower/Burnham	6.15am	6.45am	7.15am	7.45am	8.15am	9.15am
Springfield Rd./Maldon Rd.	6.20am	6.50am	7.20am	7.50am	8.20am	9.20am
Ford's Corner/Bus stop	6.25am	6.55am	7.25am	7.55am	8.25am	9.25am
Althorne Post Office	6.27am	6.57am	7.27am	7.57am	8.27am	9.27am
Nipsells Chase/Steeple Rd.	6.30am	7.00am	7.30am	8.00am	8.30am	9.30am
School lay-by/The Drive	6.33am	7.03am	7.33am	8.03am	8.33am	9.33am
General Lee/Maylandsea	6.35am	7.05am	7.35am	8.05am	8.35am	9.35am
Latchingdon/B/shelter H/St.	6.40am	7.10am	7.40am	8.10am	8.40am	9.40am
Co-Op.Cnr./Wantz Rd Bus Stop	6.50am	7.20am	7.50am	8.20am	8.50am	9.50am
WH Smiths/High St./Maldon	6.50am	7.20am	7.50am	8.20am	8.50am	9.50am
Queen Vic./Spital Rd.	6.55am	7.25am	7.55am	8.25am	8.55am	9.55am
*Colchester Rd/Bus stop	7.05am	7.35am	8.05am	8.35am	9.05am	10.05am

*Denotes that Colchester Road, pick-up point is OPTIONAL

PLEASE NOTE: CHECK YOUR DEPARTURE TIME ON YOUR TICKET WITH THE TIMETABLE. WE ASK FOR YOU TO BE AT THE **PICK-UP POINT 6 MINUTES** BEFORE THE COACH ARRIVAL TIME. THIS WILL HELP MINIMIZE DELAYS. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION

JULY

SUN 11TH

HAMPTON COURT FLOWER SHOW. SORRY SOLD OUT FOR THIS YEAR

PRICE: Adult £38.50 Time D

**Pick-Up NOT available in Heybridge.*

TUES 20TH

NORWICH. A Summer excursion to this beautiful Norfolk County City, the Cathedral, Museums and Castle, are all worth a visit. Maybe a boat trip along the river Yare.

PRICE: Adult £16.50 Child £13.50 Time D

FRI 23RD

EASTBOURNE. (*the seaside*). A day out at the seaside, enjoying the beaches and excellent sunshine record, Eastbourne has a good variety of restaurants, shops, gardens and parks, plus attractions to keep the kids amused and great things to do for grownups.

PRICE: Adult £17.50 Child £14.50 Time D

**Pick-Up NOT available in Heybridge*

WED 28TH

SANDRINGHAM FLOWER SHOW. Our annual visit to the grounds of Sandringham House, this show is a valuable event in the horticultural calendar, organized solely by the estate workers and their families for local charities. A Grand show-ring with a full programme of events throughout the afternoon, also stalls, sideshows and show-tents. The House is CLOSED to the public on this day. INCLUSIVE.

PRICE: All classes £21.00 Time C

SAT 31ST

WISLEY GARDEN. Flagship garden of the RHS, Wisley captures the imagination with richly planted borders, luscious rose gardens and the state-of-the-art new Glasshouse. Gifted to the Society in 1903, Wisley has evolved over time into a world-class garden. The cultivation techniques are tried and tested, and a series of model gardens answers the needs of a variety of conditions and circumstances.

PRICE: Adult £19.00 Child £15.00 Time D

RHS MEMBERS FREE ADMISSION:

PRICE FOR COACH ONLY: Adult £12.00 Child £9.00

**Pick-Up NOT available in Heybridge.*



AUGUST

THURS 5TH

HASTINGS. (*south coast jewel*). Europe's largest beach-launched fishing fleet, Britain's steepest funicular railway and the remains of William the Conqueror's first English castle mean that Hastings is already known throughout the world as one of the South Coast's most historic towns. The winding Cobbold Streets of its Old Town and its three miles of unspoilt beaches make this a good choice of excursion.

PRICE: Adult £17.50 Child £14.50 Time D

**Pick-Up NOT available in Heybridge*

SUN 8TH

SOUTHWOLD and ALDEBURGH. This is a very popular Sunday tour, to the beautiful Suffolk fishing towns of Southwold and Aldeburgh. There will be plenty of time spent in both locations to relax or walk along their Promenades - in one we will take Lunch and the other afternoon Tea.

PRICE: Adult £15.50 Child £13.50 Time E



TUES 10TH

BRESSINGHAM STEAM and GARDENS. You have to go a long way to beat Bressingham Steam and Gardens for a fun packed family day out. Where world-renowned gardener and horticulturalist Alan Bloom has combined his passion for plants and gardens with his love of steam, to create a truly

unique experience for all the family! Whether you choose to explore one of Europe's leading steam collections, take a ride on Bressingham's famous Victorian 'Gallopers', journey over five miles of narrow-gauge steam railway, you'll find something for everyone when you arrive at Bressingham! Bring your own picnic and take a break in the garden centre "Blooms of Bressingham" - and you really can make the fun last all day!

PRICE: Adult £24.00 Child £19.00 Time E

SUN 15TH

LEEDS CASTLE. (Kent). Classic Cars and More! A celebration of transport through the ages. Classic cars from the early 20th Century to the present day, helicopters, gliders, a hot air balloon, steam vehicles and craft fair. Our departure will be after the hot air balloon flight (this depends on the weather conditions). An excellent Sunday excursion.

PRICE: Adult £27.00 Child £21.50 Time E

**Pick-Up NOT available in Heybridge.*

WED 18TH

BURY ST. EDMUNDS. With its wonderful rural street market, and it's picture postcard appeal and also the beautiful Abbey Gardens to relax in after you have done your shopping.

PRICE: Adult £10.50 Child £8.00 Time F

FRI 20TH

WHIPSNADE ZOO. ZSL is actively involved in 'bringing down the bars' by creating interactive, immersive and inspiring exhibits. Home to more than 2,500 animals, many of which are endangered in the wild, the Zoo's impressive 600 acre site can be found on the Chiltern Hills, near Dunstable, Bedfordshire. In recent years new exhibits, such as Cheetah Rock, Rhinos of Nepal, 'In' with the Lemurs, the Chimpansiam, Lions of the Serengeti and the elephant enclosure, shows how ZSL creates realistic environments to house some of the world's most impressive and inspiring animals.



PRICE: Adult £31.50 SnCit. £30.50 Child £25.00 Time D

**Pick-Up NOT available in Heybridge.*

SUN 22ND

CAMDEN LOCK. London's premier Sunday Street Market.

PRICE: Adult £11.50 Child £9.50 Time E

**Pick-Up NOT available in Heybridge.*

WED 25TH

Musical - WICKED. (theatre trip). London's Apollo Victoria Theatre. INCLUSIVE.

"Experience this unforgettable, award-winning musical and discover, that you've not been told the whole story about the land of Oz..."

PRICE: Adult £43.50 Time tba

THURS 26TH

CLACTON on AIRSHOW DAY. This seaside town has a lot to offer the day-tripper, boasting an excellent promenade, shops, fish'n'chip restaurants and today with the added bonus of the towns' annual **FREE** Airshow. There are many seaside attractions at this pretty coastal town.

PRICE: Adult £9.50 Child £8.50 Time E

FRI 27TH

GREAT YARMOUTH. (*the seaside*). Great Yarmouth is one of the UK's most popular seaside resorts, with an enviable mix of entertainment. As well as 15 miles of glorious sandy beaches, there is a whole host of attractions waiting to be discovered, Great Yarmouth has something for all the family.

PRICE: Adult £17.50 Child £14.50 Time C

SEPTEMBER

WED 1ST

KEW GARDENS AND PALACE. (*in the Autumn*). The beauty of Kews' Autumn colours, maturing bedding plants and late rose blossom. The splendid Grass Garden and tropical hot houses. Making an excellent Autumn excursion that shows nature at it's best. INCLUSIVE.

EARLY BOOKING RECOMMENDED.

PRICE: Adult £23.00 Child £20.00 SnCit.£21.00 Time D

**Pick-Up NOT available in Heybridge.*

SAT 4TH

CHATHAM DOCKYARD. (*tour*). The Historic Dockyard Chatham, Kent is a great place to visit - on your own or with friends and family. Set in an 80-acre estate with stunning historic architecture, historic ships and museum galleries, the site offers a unique and rewarding visitor experience that will excite, educate and entertain you - whatever your age! Chatham Dockyard played a vital role supporting the Royal Navy for over 400 years. From the Spanish Armada to the Falklands Crisis ships built, repaired and manned from Chatham secured and maintained Britain's command of the world ocean's and the global position it has today.



PRICE: Adult £23.50 Child £15.50 SnCit.£21.50 Time E

**Pick-Up NOT available in Heybridge.*

WED 8TH

A MYSTERY TOUR /ESSEX AND SUFFOLK (*with Carvery Lunch*). A gentle and leisurely tour of the Suffolk and Essex villages, stopping en-route for morning coffee. After which we continue to a quaint thatched country pub/carvery for our lunch. The afternoon we will make our way home along the highways and byways of these two pleasant counties. PRICE INCLUSIVE LUNCHEON.

PRICE: All Classes £23.00 Time E

**Pick-Up NOT available in Heybridge.*

TUES 14TH

IPSWICH. (*market day*). County Town of Suffolk.

PRICE: Adult £9.50 Child £7.50 Time F

SAT 18TH

LE TOUQUET (*France*). Le Touquet has a reputation as the most elegant holiday resort of northern France - the playground of rich Parisians. The resort was created in 1876 when this was an area of wild sand dunes and forest. It became known as "Paris by the sea". In 1903, a British syndicate bought the land, and set out to sell properties to the rich from across the Channel. In the 1920's Noel Coward and the "smart set" from England spent weekends here. Today the town offers many delightful restaurants, a beautiful beach and Promenade to stroll along. PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED ON THIS EXCURSION.

PLEASE NOTE THIS EXCURSION IS VIA EUROTUNNEL

PRICE: All Classes £27.00 Time tba

**Pick-Up NOT available in Heybridge.*

THURS 23RD

MARLOW AND HENLEY ON THAMES. Our excursion today takes to the Chilterns' town of Marlow for us to board a Thames cruiser for a leisurely river journey to Henley on Thames. Famous for its' world renown rowing regatta, this south Oxfordshire town of some considerable beauty. On arrival time will be allowed to browse before you rejoin the coach for the journey home. INCLUSIVE OF BOAT.



PRICE: Adult £26.00 Child £21.00 Time D

**Pick-Up NOT available in Heybridge.*

SAT 25TH

BLUEWATER. (shopping trip). Bluewater shopping complex is our destination today.

PRICE: Adult £9.00 Child £7.50 Time F

**Pick-Up NOT available in Heybridge.*

OCTOBER

SAT 2ND

FRENCH COAST TOUR. Travelling from the French port of Calais, our journey takes us along the coast road south passing through the many fishing villages en route. Stopping (*if weather permits*) at viewing points along the way. Reaching our destination, the town of Boulogne. Where time is allowed here to explore before we make our way back to Calais and our journey home. PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED ON THIS EXCURSION.

PRICE: All Classes £26.50 Time tba

**Pick-Up NOT available in Heybridge.*

TUES 5TH

KINGS LYNN (market day) AND CAITHNESS CRYSTAL. Originally named Bishop's Lynn, the town has a rich and fascinating history stretching back over 1,000 years. By the 14th century, the town ranked as the third port of England. In 1538 the town became royal property under Henry VIII, and the later names of Lynn Regis and King's Lynn reflect this change. We arrive in the morning at this old Norfolk fishing and market town is steeped in character and legend, were we have time to browse and take lunch. In the afternoon we make a short journey to the Caithness Crystal factory to enjoy and maybe purchase some of the products. Afternoon tea is taken here before our departure home.

TEA/COFFEE/SANDWICHES/CAKES ETC., ARE INCLUDED.

PRICE: Adult £22.00 Child £18.50 Time C

Pick-Up NOT available in Heybridge.

TUES 12TH

AUTUMN TINTS OF SURREY AND SUSSEX. Today we take a leisurely journey through the byways of Surrey and Sussex, to enjoy the colours of autumn time. The beautiful reds and coppers of the autumn hedgerows and trees that make this time of year special. Passing through many villages and towns en route, also stops will be made along the way for morning coffee and lunch.

PRICE: Adult £15.50 Child £13.50 Time E

Pick-Up NOT available in Heybridge.

WED 13TH

Musical - FLASHDANCE. (theatre trip). London's Shaftesbury Theatre. INCLUSIVE.

Set in Pittsburgh, USA, FLASHDANCE tells the story of 18 year old Alex, a welder by day and 'flashdancer' by night, whose dream is to obtain a place at the prestigious Shipley Dance Academy.

PRICE: Adult £44.50 Time tba

THURS 14TH

TOUR OF OLYMPIC VILLAGE FOR THE 2012 GAMES. (London). Our starting point is Stratford where we will meet our Blue Badge Guide and begin with coffee/tea and biscuits. Although we are unable to take you on to the Olympic Site (*Health & Safety*) we do stop at a canny viewing point. Back to Stratford town centre for a roast lunch. In the afternoon a drive to the Royal Docks and across the Thames to Greenwich to see other venues that will host Olympic events. Commentary into the history of the London Olympics of 1908, 1948 and the area for 2012, An excellent choice of excursion. **INCLUSIVE OF ONE COURSE LUNCH.**

PRICE: Adult £28.50 All classes Time D

**Pick-Up NOT available in Heybridge*

THURS 21ST

CANTERBURY. Experience Canterbury's history and heritage, see the stunning architecture and world famous buildings. Enjoy this day out in Canterbury and visit the magnificent Cathedral. Canterbury is simply inspirational.

PRICE: Adult £17.50 Child £14.50 Time E

Pick-Up NOT available in Heybridge.

HALF-TERM HOLIDAY

TUES 26TH

THORPE PARK. Take the family to this famous Theme Park. Enjoy a Fun packed day out. This is **COACH ONLY** Excursion, because there many vouchers and special deals, from news papers, fast food outlets, etc., this makes it impractical for us to do an **INCLUSIVE** admission.

PRICE: Adult £15.50 Child £13.50 Time D

**Pick-Up NOT available in Heybridge.*

FRI 29TH

LONDON MUSEUMS. This half term holiday why not take the children to London's Museum Land, Kensington, where most of the museums, (V&A, Natural History and Science Museums), now have **FREE** entry. This is a good opportunity to engross yourself in knowledgeable surroundings.

PRICE: Adult £11.50 Child £9.50 Time E

**Pick-Up NOT available in Heybridge.*

NOVEMBER

SUN 7TH

THE ANNUAL BRIGHTON VETERAN CAR RUN. Today we make our way to Brighton to see the veteran and classic cars arrive at the finish of their annual journey from Marble Arch, London. Enjoy the beautiful surroundings of Brighton's seafront and town.

PRICE: Adult £16.50 Child £13.50 Time C

**Pick-Up NOT available in Heybridge.*

WED 10TH

ROMFORD. (shopping trip).

PRICE: Adult £9.00 Child £7.50 Time F

**Pick-Up NOT available in Heybridge.*

SAT 13TH

HARRODS. (christmas shopping). Christmas shopping today with a little bit of class - **Harrods** - this excellent Shop in Londons' West End, Knightsbridge, a wonderful way to spend a day, even if its' only to window shop or just dream.

PRICE: Adult £11.50 Child £9.50 Time E

**Pick-Up NOT available in Heybridge.*

WED 17TH

LAKESIDE. (shopping trip). Lakeside Shopping Complex.

PRICE: Adult £8.50 Child £7.50 Time F

**Pick-Up NOT available in Heybridge*

TWO DATES THURSDAY 18TH AND TUESDAY 23RD

THURSFORD CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR. We travel to the village of Thursford, north Norfolk, to see the colour, the spender, music, and pageantry of this unbeatable Christmas Show. Please book early as tickets go very quickly.

PRICE: All classes £42.50 Time C

**Pick-Up NOT available in Heybridge.*

SAT 27TH

BURY ST. EDMUNDS (*christmas market*). A Victorian style Christmas Market. With stallholders and townsfolk dressed in period costume, also with high quality products and old fashioned fairground rides.

PRICE: Adult £10.00 Child £7.50 Time E

DECEMBER

FRI 3RD

LONDON - HARRODS (*shopping*). Last chance to get that something Special.

PRICE: Adult £11.50 Child £9.50 Time E

**Pick-Up NOT available in Heybridge*

SAT 4TH

LILLE (*France christmas Market*). A popular Christmas excursion, Lille in France. Its colourful Christmas atmosphere and fair makes this a spectacular pre-festival day out. Travelling by ferry, for the short coach journey through the Par de Calais region of France and giving you ample time to explore at your leisure. **PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED ON THIS EXCURSION.**

PRICE: All Classes £26.50 Time tba

SAT 4TH

NORWICH. (*christmas fayre*). This beautiful Norfolk County City, with a covered market.

PRICE: Adult £16.50 Child £13.50 Time D

SUN 5TH

ROCHESTER DICKENSIAN CHRISTMAS. This "Dickensian Christmas", with hot chestnuts, street theatre enhances the atmosphere of this wonderful pageant. Very popular pre-Christmas excursion.

PRICE: Adult £15.50 Child £11.50 Time F

**Pick-Up NOT available in Heybridge*

SAT 11TH

BRUGES (*Belgium christmas Market*). Making our annual festive excursion to Belgium, Bruges, for a Christmas Market. With all its colourful Christmas atmosphere, makes this a spectacular pre-festival day out. We travel via by ferry, for a coach journey north into Belgium, giving you time to explore this city. **PASSPORTS ARE REQUIRED ON THIS EXCURSION.**

PRICE: All Classes £26.50 Time tba

SUN 19TH

LONDON EYE & CHRISTMAS LIGHTS. The Eye to see a Christmas view of the city lights - followed by a coach tour through streets of London to see the Christmas illuminations at street level. Join us today on this popular excursion as a treat this Christmas. **INCLUSIVE.**

PRICE: Adult/SnCit.£30.75 Child £25.00 Special timetable

**Pick-Up NOT available in Heybridge*

SUN 19TH

OLYMPIA HORSE SHOW. This very popular end of the Horse Show season, with its Christmas atmosphere is a must for all horse lovers. **INCLUSIVE**

PRICE: £47.50

Date for your 2011 Diary

SAT. 15TH JANUARY: **THE INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW - TBA**

WED. 25TH MAY: **WIZARD OF OZ - PRICE: £52.50**